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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

The Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, respectfully report:

That in February last they took possession of the new building erected at Cedar Spring, although not completely finished according to the contract. The report of the Principal of the Institution, herewith inclosed, will present the details of management, and the present condition of the pupils now in the Institution; as, also, of many who have been educated there. The pupils and inmates have enjoyed their usual good health, and made the usual favorable impressions at the general examination. The Commissioners deem it due to the teachers and officers, that they should express to your honorable body their approbation of their faithfulness, diligence and skill.

The buildings and grounds are not yet entirely completed. Several imperfections appeared in parts of the work, which required time to develop, and the Architect is now engaged in making a final survey, with a view to closing the contract. The proper improvement of the grounds is a work of time, and as it is quite important that it should be done in a tasteful as well as useful style, the Commissioners have awaited the developments of nature, and will proceed with this portion of the work as circumstances will permit, and will ask further appropriations with a sparing hand. At present the only recommendation which they make is, that the usual number of the reports of the Principal be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. MEMMINGER,

SAM'L. MCALILEY,

Commissioners of Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

December 4, 1860.

THE INSTITUTION.

The South Carolina Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, is located at Cedar Spring, four miles south of the town of Spartanburg, and may be reached directly from Columbia by the Spartanburg and Union Railroad.

It is particularly requested that persons wishing to visit the Institution, will make their calls on Thursday, in each week, between the hours of 8, A. M., and 1, P. M.

Those who may be travelling, or so situated that they cannot make their calls on the regular day appointed for visitors, will be received at any time, as exceptions to the general rule.

Persons wishing to see the Principal of the Institution on *business*, must make their calls on Wednesdays, and at no other time.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

HIS EXCELLENCY, W. H. GIST, *Governor of South Carolina, and
President of the Board of Commissioners.*

HON. C. G. MEMMINGER, Charleston, S. C.

HON. SAMUEL McALILEY, Chester C. H., S. C.

INTELLECTUAL DEPARTMENT.

Principal.

N. P. WALKER.

Teachers in the Department for Deaf and Dumb.

PROF. J. M. HUGHSTON.*

MISS S. J. WALKER.

Department for the Blind.

PROF. J. S. HENDERSON, Principal Instructor.†

MRS. L. C. W. HENDERSON.

PHYSICIAN.

M. A. MOORE, M. D.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Steward and Matron.

MR. AND MRS. WALKER.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

R. P. ROGERS, Master of Boot Shop.*

J. C. TEMPLETON, Master of Cabinet Shop.*

S. A. CHISHOLM, Master of Broom Shop.†

* Deaf and Dumb.

† Blind.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind:

GENTLEMEN: In my annual return to your Board, I am again permitted by a gracious Providence to report health and general welfare. By reference to the Physician's report the former will more fully appear, while the latter will be seen in details. The labors of the teachers seem to have been blessed in responding minds and cheerful faces. Substantial results are the evidences desired by the benevolent and legislative mind.

Thirty-three pupils have been taught and provided for in the Institution during the past fiscal year; of these sixteen were Deaf and Dumb, and seventeen Blind.

The amount drawn from the Treasury, for the support of the School and Home Department, including the Shops, is seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents. The total cash transactions for the year, as appearing on the Cash Book, amount in receipts to eleven thousand three hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-three cents; while expenditures for the same time amount to eleven thousand two hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-one cents, leaving a balance of sixty-four dollars and sixty-two cents in the hands of the Principal. The above receipts and expenditures include all drafts made payable directly to the Principal, amounts for pay pupils, and from all other sources; and the payment of bills of furniture, freight, improvements, &c., as shown by the accompanying vouchers.

Amount drawn from the Treasury for the support of the Institution, for the fiscal year ending October 1, 1860, as appearing on the Receipt Book.

January 16, Draft No. 1.....	\$ 940 00
" 16, " " 2.....	1,400 00
April 21, " " 4.....	910 00
May 23, " " 5.....	1,712 73
August 6, " " 7.....	1,900 00
October 25, " " 8.....	864 77
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	\$7,727 50

Total Receipts from all sources, for fiscal year ending October 1, 1860, as appearing on the Cash Book.

January	16. Draft No. 1.....	\$940 00
"	16. Draft No. 2.....	1,400 00
Feb'y.	27. Draft No. 3.....	1,272 10
April	21. Draft No. 4.....	910 00
May	23. Draft No. 5.....	1,712 73
"	23. Draft No. 6.....	842 00
August	6. Draft No. 7.....	1,900 00
October	25. Draft No. 8.....	864 77
"	25. Draft No. 9.....	833 15
		10,674 75
	For pay pupils.....	390 00
	From shops and all other sources*.....	283 18
		\$11,347 93

* It will be remembered that only a single branch of the shops is herein reported. The Boot Shop is conducted by Mr. Rogers as an individual matter, and is, therefore, not represented. The Master of Cabinet Shop has been engaged for the last year chiefly in buildings and repairs.

Total Expenditures for all purposes, for fiscal year ending October 1, 1860, as appearing on the Cash Book.

SUPPLIES.		
First Quarter,	}	\$1,435 31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Second Quarter,	}	
Third Quarter.....		1,072 08
Fourth Quarter.....		1,025 34 $\frac{1}{4}$
		3,532 73 $\frac{3}{4}$
SALARIES.		
First Quarter.....		930 00
Second Quarter.....		910 00
Third Quarter.....		910 00
Fourth Quarter.....		910 00
		3,660 00
SHOPS.		
First Quarter,	}	28 66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Second Quarter,	}	
Third Quarter.....		222 50
Fourth Quarter.....		82 38
		333 54 $\frac{2}{3}$
EXPENSES.		
First Quarter,	}	45 28
Second Quarter,	}	
Third Quarter.....		573 56
Fourth Quarter.....		457 90 $\frac{3}{4}$
		1,076 74 $\frac{3}{4}$
		8,603 03
FURNITURE AND IMPROVEMENTS.		
First Quarter,	}	1,428 14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Second Quarter,	}	
Third Quarter.....		754 81
Fourth Quarter.....		497 33
Balance on hand.....		2,680 28 $\frac{1}{2}$
		64 62
		11,347 93

LIST OF PUPILS.

DEAF, AND DUMB

Erasmus D. Smoke,	Barnwell District, S. C.
Margaret Sparrow,	Spartanburg " "
Jane I. Rogers,	Cedar Spring, "
William H. Rogers,	" " "
James S. Hagins,	Lancaster District, "
Robert M. Hagins,	" " "
Samuel E. Hagins,	" " "
William J. Copeland,	" " "
Luther C. Halfacre,	Newberry " "
Zabdial E. Ayre,	Charleston " "
Mary L. Hawkins,	Greenville " "
Joseph H. Hawkins,	" " "
Jerry Hawkins,	" " "
K. L. Texanna Ashmore,	" " "
Augustus W. Bruson,	Clarendon " "
John W. A. Major,	Anderson " "

BLIND.

Isabella N. C. Beadheimer,	Lexington District, S. C.
James T. McElhaney,	York " "
Perry F. Clark,	Greenville " "
Nancy A. P. Clark,	" " "
Rosella Crow,	" " "
Rebecca Bettis,	" " "
Samuel Sumner,	Union " "
Suprey A. Chisholme,	Chester " "
Eugenie C. Newlan,	" " "
James H. McFaddin,	Clarendon " "
George McC. Ferguson,	Laurens " "
John Beahan,	Charleston " "
Kitty F. McComb,	Abbeville " "
Joel T. Townsend,	Cokesbury " "
Manerva Makamison,	Spartanburg " "
Martin Van Buren Makamison,	" " "
Leonora Martin Crawford,	Columbia "

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENT.

Each pupil, on entering, will have a dormitory assigned, with furniture, embracing a separate bed, (two or more pupils in one room,) wardrobe, drawers, wash-stand, wash-bowl, pitcher, &c., &c., and school-room furniture, all numbered to his station, none of which is to be interrupted by any other pupil. The pupil receiving such appointments, alone will be held responsible for the articles assigned. Great care will be taken to see that each pupil acquires proper habits of attention to such appointments. These assignments will be registered in a book kept for that purpose, by which frequent examinations will be made, and inattentions and defects noted.

Each division of dormitories will be under the care of some competent person, appointed to that duty. The dining room is so arranged that every pupil is under the eye of the Principal. Teachers and pupils dine together, and the most perfect discipline will be observed.

REPROOFS AND CORRECTIONS

Will be strictly parental. The utmost labor will be bestowed to gain the affections of the pupil, and bring his mind under the government of love and affection. He will be taught from the first to obey the laws of the Institution, because they are founded in his own welfare; and on all moral points, to obey the laws of God, because it is right to do so. Every means known and approved by our best disciplinarians will be employed for the benefit of the pupil; the rod will be resorted to when all other means have failed. It is to be hoped few instances will occur of the kind.

RECREATION.

On all occasions, when the weather will admit, morning and evening walks and exercises are taken in the open air; walks for this purpose are provided, particularly for the girls, who are attended by a conductor under the direction of the Matron. Play grounds of ample dimensions, for the boys, will be kept open, and regular hours appointed for exercise, when not otherwise engaged. Gymnastic exercises are contemplated.

SHOP WORK.

When pupils are brought in, parents will be consulted as to what trade, if any, they prefer their children to learn; when known, such time as the health of the pupil will allow, and other duties, will be employed in that direction. We regard a healthful engagement of the hands in some useful trade an essential qualification to usefulness and happiness.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

This is a branch of the Institution designed for such deaf mutes, or blind, as are willing to labor for their support, but who have not the means to do so without aid. Here they are furnished board, lodging, shops, tools, &c., for which, from the proceeds of their labor, they return a reasonable compensation to the State. All earnings above that, they appropriate to their own benefit. This provision is particularly intended for orphans, and others not otherwise provided for. Separate buildings are appropriated to this purpose. No person is permitted to occupy a place in this home department, unless he be a faithful laborer, and of good moral character.

THE NEW BUILDING.

The Building is not entirely completed, though used since February. It is found to be well arranged for the purposes intended, and the furniture well selected and appointed.

Our expectations have been more than realized, in the health and order of the pupils.

OUR LOCATION.

Every year's experience gives additional evidence of the fortunate position we occupy. The natural advantages are unsurpassed in any country.

A pure fountain of water, gushing out at the foot of a beautiful grove, invites the thirsty to drink and live; while majestic oaks spread their kind protection against a Southern sun. Here a current of pure air may ever be enjoyed, finding its way over the ever-varying surface. The scenery is truly fine.

The social advantages are peculiar. Freed from the evils attending a dense population, our social wants are largely supplied from the neighboring towns, and travelling multitudes which crowd the Upper Districts, especially in summer.

With a railroad running through our grounds, connecting us with Columbia and Charleston, we have abundant travelling and commercial facilities.

INQUIRY NO. 1.

Following the suggestion of some of the English schools, I have thought proper to begin a series of inquiries after the pupils sent out, to be repeated every ten years by those who may live to conduct the affairs of this Institution.

In some sort of way we have closed the twelfth year, and in this date (1860) the first inquiry, though not full, has been made.

The object of these inquiries is to show where these pupils, thus sent out by the State munificence, are, what they are doing, and what is the moral and religious condition of each one, so far as can well be ascertained. By such a course, the State may be able to look out upon the results of her labor and money expended on her afflicted children, and parents may be directed in their expectations. As a matter of course, in the present case, in the limits of this report, merely a synopsis can be printed.

It will be remembered that, for some years, this was an individual enterprise; the facilities were circumscribed, and so the results. Since the first steps were taken for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, fifty-seven pupils have been received into that department. Sixteen of these, as before stated, are yet pupils, a very few of whom close their term with this session.

Of the forty-one sent out, about thirty proved to be, in various degrees, successful pupils. Of some of these we have been able to obtain such reliable information as will enable us to make mention of them. There are others of our pupils, no doubt, worthy in position, of whom we have not definite information at this time. It will be a source of pride to chronicle their history ten years hence.

It is worthy of remark that, so far as known to us, not more than one of the former pupils indulge in strong drinks, and few of them use tobacco.

The department for the Blind was organized in 1855. No regular graduates have yet been sent out. A few, on account of advanced age, and for other causes, have received limited education. Two gentlemen of this class have gone out, and are actively engaged in the manufacture of brooms. From the favorable standing of those now under instruction, we have reason to anticipate the pleasure of meeting many of them in the better walks of life, enjoying social and religious positions.

N. P. WALKER.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind :

GENTLEMEN: The time for me to write my annual report has arrived.

Our Institution, since my last communication, has been removed to the new building, and it affords me no small degree of pleasure to inform you, that my anticipations, in regard to the health of the inmates, have been perfectly realized. I prescribed for a case of Seabies on the 19th of January, a disease which a young lady in the Blind department had contracted somewhere during the vacation. It yielded, however, readily to treatment, and did not make its appearance upon any other pupil.

I was called to see Master Zabdial Ayer, a Mute pupil, on the 20th of February. I also visited him on the 21st. His disease was a light attack of Catarrhal Fever (or common cold).

I was next called to see Master James McFadden, a Blind pupil, on the 24th of March. I likewise visited him the next day. He had a light attack of Cholera Morbus.

All of the above cases were so mild, as to be scarcely worthy of mentioning in this report. With the exceptions mentioned, my services have not been needed at any time during the last session.

All of the above is respectfully submitted,

M. A. MOORE, *Physician.*

INQUIRY AFTER FORMER PUPILS,

Their Places of Residence, Occupations, Moral and Religious Condition.

DEAF AND DUMB.

JOHN MARION HUGHSTON,

Was one of the first pupils taught in this Institution, in which he is now a successful teacher. He is a good citizen and a pious gentleman. Married Miss Brewster, of Laurens District, who is also deaf and dumb.

ELISHA MELTON HUGHSTON,

Brother of the above, under instruction at the same time, is now a teacher in the Alabama Institution ; of good reputation, and a member of the Baptist Church.

ELIZABETH JANE HUGHSTON,

Sister of the above, resides with her parents in Spartanburg District; is an excellent seamstress, and highly respected.

IRENE ADALINE COOPER,

Married Mr. James C. Templeton (mute gentleman) of Laurens District, and died in 1858, as she had lived, loved by all who knew her.

HARVEY WOFFORD BENNETT,

Resides with his parents in Spartanburg District; is a blacksmith by trade; highly respected, and in full fellowship in the Methodist Church.

SARAH ANN CHANBLIN,

Lost her hearing at four years old; in school four years; resides with her parents in Spartanburg District; a lady of promise; member of the Presbyterian Church.

ALFRED COLE,

Of the same District, boot and shoe maker by trade. Married a speaking lady, and resides near his parents. He is an acceptable member of the Methodist Church.

DOLPHUS MC'LOUD COLE,

Brother of the above, has the trade of shoe making, but works on the farm with his father. Industrious and upright; a member, also, of the Methodist Church.

JAMES CLARK TEMPLETON,

Born in Laurens District, came to school at rather advanced age, has a limited education; is naturally a mechanic. Married Miss Cooper, (a mute lady,) and has been, and is now, employed in the shops and on the grounds of the Institution. He has his second wife, (speaking lady.) He is of a Presbyterian family, attends that Church, but is not a communicant.

CLARISSA JULIA BREWSTER,

Daughter of James Brewster, Esq., of Laurens District, and is a lady of no ordinary ability and taste. She is now the wife of Mr. Hughston, and is assistant matron in the Home Department of this Institution.

CATHERINE E. MORRIS,

Daughter of Col. Thomas Morris, of Mills River, N. C., married Mr. Sweetman, a deaf and dumb gentleman, (graduate of the New York Institution,) and resides in Buncombe County. I am not sure, but think she is a member of the Baptist Church. She is much respected.

SARAH ANN LEWIS,

Of Anderson District, came to school rather advanced in age, has an imperfect education, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, resides with her mother, engages actively in the duties of life, and has the best wishes of all who know her.

WILLIAM J. MILLER,

Resides with his father at Barnwell C. H. Owing to his slender constitution, during his pupil term, he learned no trade. He was inclined to farming life. His education was fair. He is of a Presbyterian family—was piously inclined while at school.

ANN HASELTINE THEUS,

Of Orangeburg District, received a limited education, and returned to her widowed mother. She afterwards moved to Alabama. Little has been known of her since.

REBECCA PHAGAN MILFORD,

Of Abbeville District, came to the Institution at the age of nearly forty. She learned to read her Bible to some extent. This was her joy. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and a most excellent lady. She resides with her aged parents.

ISABELLA E. MILFORD,

Next younger sister of the above, of the same religious connection, equally respected. Her education less extended. She resides with her parents.

ELIZABETH LEE MILFORD,

Daughter of John Milford, and cousin to the two sisters above mentioned; of the same religious connection, and has a moderate education. She resides with her parents, in Pickens District, and is industrious and pious.

ROBERT HACKETT SLOAN.

Son of Col. Wm. Sloan, of Pendleton, is now in Texas, attending to business for his father. He was in the Hartford school when this Institution was established. He was subsequently placed here, where he graduated. He is intelligent and well educated.

JESSE MORGAN,

Son of Hon. Nathaniel Morgan, of Greenville District. He, too, was returned from Hartford, and graduated in this Institution in its infancy. He resides with his father, and is a buggy manufacturer. He is of high moral tone, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

MARTHA JANE CUNNINGHAM,

Is a cousin to the above, and was returned from Hartford with him. She graduated with some distinction, and taught a while in this Institution. She married Mr. Burress (a semi-mute) of Anderson District, and is successfully keeping house. Her gentleness of nature and piety give her highest esteem.

SEABORN J. WILSON,

Resides in Barnwell District with his father, and is engaged in farming. Judging from his letters, he is attentive to business. His education is tolerable.

THOMAS ABRAHAM BURTON,

Has a partial education, is a respectable youth, resides with his father in Abbeville District, and is engaged in farming. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

PINCKNEY BURRESS,

Of Anderson District, was a pupil four years. After leaving school, he married Miss Cunningham, (a mute lady,) and is a successful farmer, residing in his native District.

MARY JANE TEMPLETON,

Of York District, was a lovely girl. During a vacation, while visiting her parents, she sickened, and died in the year 1859. Her lovely face, black eyes and curling hair will long be remembered. She died resigned.

NANCY J. E. DUCKWORTH,

Of Morganton, N. C., was a pupil a few years in this Institution. She was a good girl, and returned to her parents carrying with her the regards of her classmates. Since she left school little has been known of her, except an occasional letter.

FERDINAND ROBBINS,

Of Chester, was about forty years old when he came into the Institution. His education is limited. He resides with his father, and is employed on the plantation.

NANCY WATSON,

Of Anderson District, is a lady of much respectability, though rather limited education, by reason of advanced age. She is an excellent seamstress, and a member of the Baptist Church.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

1. Parents applying for the admission of children, expecting the benefit of the State appropriation, will address the Principal, who, upon the reeception of such application, will return, by the next mail, to the applicant, a blank petition to be filled out as therein directed. The first, second and third "forms" having been regularly filled, the petition will be sealed and sent to the Commissioners, whose address will be pointed out to the applicant. They, on being satisfied that the terms have been properly complied with, will order the admission of the pupil. This order, thus signed by the Commissioners, will be returned to the petitioner, or sent directly to the Institution. If sent to the petitioner, the "order" must, in all cases, be presented when the pupil is brought. If sent to the Institution, the Principal will forthwith notify the petitioner that such order has been received, and of his readiness to receive the pupil.

2. Persons applying for pay pupils, will address the Principal.

3. Bills of clothing will be sent out to parents, specifying the number and quality of garments. These bills must be filled, and returned when the pupil is brought, so as to be compared with the articles furnished, and regularly filed.

Every article of clothing must have the initial letters of the pupil's name on it, made either with indelible ink or with thread of unfading color.

The whole must be neatly packed in a good trunk, with a good lock and key.

4. A small amount of money, say five or ten dollars, will be required to be deposited with the Principal, and receipted, for the benefit of the pupil, should need require.

5. Name of the pupil in full, age, cause of deafness or blindness, a statement of present health, and of diseases had, such as mumps, measles, whooping cough, &c., and any disposition to fits, or sudden attacks of any kind, will be required.

6. New pupils will be received on the first Wednesday in October.

7. Pay pupils charged \$150 per session of ten months.

8. Age determined by Commissioners in each individual case.
9. No deduction for temporary absence.
10. Payments are always to be made six months in advance.
11. Parents, on arriving at the Institution, will inquire for the boarding-house.
12. No pupil to be removed from his class at any time, without the consent of the Principal, under forfeiture of position.
13. The session will continue ten months, beginning on the first Wednesday in October, and ending on the first Wednesday in August.

I have
written him for the 23rd
Louisville Kentucky



